

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/05/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,7-15,18 and 20-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 04/05/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 04/05/06 has been entered.

### ***Reasons for allowance***

Examiner acknowledges a submission of the amendment filled on 04/05/06. Claims 10-14, 21-23 have been kept original, claims 1, 4, 15 & 18 have been amended, claims 7-9 & 20 kept as previously presented and claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 16, 17 & 19 have been cancelled. New claims 24 & 25 were added. It also included remarks/arguments. Amendments and arguments have overcome rejection. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

Regarding claim 1 the closest references are:

- a) "Voltage Surge Suppression Power Circuits" Stahl US Patent 5388021 issued on February 07, 1995.
- b) "Nullification of Magnetic Fields Relative to Coils" Groehl et al. US Patent 5565836 issued on October 15, 1996.

This references fail to teach "an inner coil wound substantially inside an outer coil, the inner coil having a first winding, the outer coil having a second winding placed at substantially 90 degree angle to one another".

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Regarding claim 15 the closest references are:

- a) "Voltage Surge Suppression Power Circuits" Stahl US Patent 5388021 issued on February 07, 1995.
- b) "Nullification of Magnetic Fields Relative to Coils" Groehl et al. US Patent 5565836 issued on October 15, 1996.

This references fail to teach "a bottom surface of the first coil touching a top surface of the second coil, and windings of the first coil and windings of the second coil placed at substantially 90 degree angle to one another".

The following US patents: Ayres et al. (US 6046583), Markov et al. (US 4992726) and Chellman (US 5414350) describe coils placed at 90 degrees to one another with sandwiched, intertwined or juxtaposed configurations. However, all of them are in the gauges art, which give no motivation to combine them with the closest references above mentioned.

As a result for claims 1 & 15 the allowability resides, at least in part, in the above-described limitations, in combination with the other elements of each of the claims, which has not been disclosed in or rendered obvious by the Prior Art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

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***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luis E. Román whose telephone number is (571) 272 – 5527. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon – Fri from 7:15 AM to 3:45 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus can be reached on (571) 272-2800 x 36. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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